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- (i) The qualifications of the project director:
- (ii) The qualifications of each of the other key personnel to be used in the project;
- (iii) The time that each person referred to in paragraphs (b)(2) (i) and (ii) of this section will commit to the project; and
- (iv) The extent to which the applicant, as part of its nondiscriminatory employment practices, will ensure that its personnel are selected for employment without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, age, or handicapping condition.
- (3) To determine the qualifications of a person, the Secretary considers evidence of past experience and training in fields related to the objectives of the project as well as other information that the applicant provides.
- (c) Budget and cost effectiveness. (Maximum 10 points).
- (1) The Secretary reviews each application for information that shows that the project has an adequate budget and is cost effective.
- (2) The Secretary looks for information that shows—
- (i) The budget for the project is adequate to support the project activities; and
- (ii) Costs are reasonable in relation to the objectives of the project.
- (d) Evaluation plan. (Maximum 10 points).
- (1) The Secretary reviews each application for information that shows the quality of the evaluation plan for the project.
- (2) The Secretary looks for information that shows that the methods of evaluation are appropriate for the project and, to the extent possible, are objective and produce data that are quantifiable.
- (e) Adequacy of resources. (Maximum 5 points).
- (1) The Secretary reviews each application for information that shows that the applicant plans to devote adequate resources to the project.
- (2) The Secretary looks for information that shows that the facilities, equipment, and supplies that the applicant plans to use are adequate.
- (f) Specific program criteria. (Maximum 30 points).

- (1) In addition to the general selection criteria contained in this section, the Secretary reviews each application for information that shows that the project meets the specific program criteria.
- (2) The Secretary looks for information that shows— $\,$
- (i) The potential impact of the project on the development of the study of modern foreign languages and area studies in American education. (Maximum 15 points).
- (ii) The project's relevance to the applicant's educational goals and its relationship to its program development in modern foreign languages and area studies. (Maximum 5 points).
- (iii) The extent to which direct experience abroad is necessary to achieve the project's objectives and the effectiveness with which relevant host country resources will be utilized. (Maximum 10 points).
- (g) *Priorities.* (Maximum 15 points) The Secretary looks for information that shows the extent to which the project addresses program priorities in the field of modern foreign languages and area studies for that year.

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§ 664.32 What priorities may the Secretary establish?

- (a) The Secretary may establish for each funding competition one or more of the following priorities:
- (1) Categories of projects described in $\S 664.10$.
- (2) Specific languages, topics, countries or geographic regions of the world; for example, Chinese and Arabic, Curriculum Development in Multicultural Education and Transitions from Planned Economies to Market Economies, Brazil and Nigeria, Middle East and South Asia.
- (3) Levels of education; for example, elementary and secondary, postsecondary, or postgraduate.
- (b) The Secretary announces any priorities in the application notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(Authority: 22 U.S.C. 2452(b)(6), 2456(a)(2))